

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is responsive to the Advisory Action dated September 9, 2004,
wherein:

Claims 1-56 were pending; and

Claims 1-56 were rejected.

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-21, 24-30, 33-37, 39-45, 48-52, and 54 have been amended.

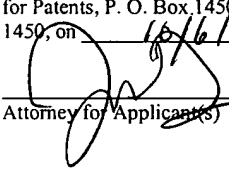
Claims 2 and 12, 31, 32, 38, 46, 47, and 53 have been cancelled.

No new claims have been added by this response.

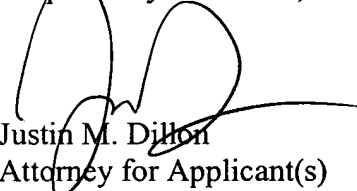
Accordingly, claims 1, 3-11, and 13-56 remain currently pending in the present
application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is
believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully
solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution
through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at
512-439-5097.

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